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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ICRC PRESIDENT

1. ALEXANDRE HAY, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) VISITED WASHINGTON MARCH 7-10 FOR SERIES OF MEETINGS INCLUDING DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, DR. PETER BOURNE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, COUNSELOR NIMETZ, AID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER, AND ASSISTANT OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR HA, IO, ARA, AF, NEA AND EA. HAY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN GENEVA, JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE, AND BY THE ICRC DELEGATE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK, MICHEL VEUTHEY.

2. HAY AND COLLEAGUES ARE IN NEW YORK MARCH 13-15 FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, UNDER SECRETARY BUFFUM AND URQUHART, AND AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND LEONARD AT USUN. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF THEIR WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS FOR POSTS' INFORMATION.

3. HORN OF AFRICA: ICRC REPS SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS IN THE OGADEN IN COOPERATION WITH A POSSIBLE UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE, TO CARRY OUT THEIR TRADITIONAL HUMANITARIAN FUNCTIONS OF PROVIDING MEDICAL AND OTHER RELIEF ASSISTANCE, ASSISTING DETAINEES AND
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DISPLACED PERSONS, AND IN OTHER WAYS HELPING PROTECT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. THEY ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR DELEGATES IN ADDIS ABABA AND MOGADISCIO, AND ARE PREPARED TO EXPAND THEIR PROGRAMS IN THE AREA SUBSTANTIALLY IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT AND PERMIT.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA: AID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER INFORMED PRESIDENT HAY OF USG \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC'S PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, TO ENABLE THE ICRC TO FURTHER EXPAND ITS PROGRAM OF MEDICAL AND OTHER SERVICES IN THIS AREA.

5. FOR CONAKRY: HAY AND HOCKE CONFIRMED ICRC GENERAL DELEGATE FRANK SCHMIDT'S PLAN TO TRAVEL TO CONAKRY THIS WEEK, AND THEY LOOK FORWARD TO A USEFUL VISIT. THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR U.S. ROLE IN STARTING THIS PROCESS, WHICH THEY WILL NOW PURSUE AS AN ICRC INITIATIVE.

6. FOR TEHRAN: HAY DESCRIBED HIS THREE MEETINGS WITH THE SHAH, MOST RECENT OF WHICH TOOK PLACE AT END OF FEBRUARY, AT WHICH TIME HAY GAVE THE SHAH THE REPORT ON THE ICRC VISITS TO DETAINEES IN IRAN. HAY WAS IMPRESSED BY THE

SHAH'S INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF ICRC ACTIVITIES AND BELIEVES HE GENUINELY WANTS TO IMPROVE PRISON CONDITIONS, WHICH ON BASIS OF FIRST VISIT ICRC REPS DESCRIBED TO US PRIVATELY AS "AMONG THE WORST" THEIR DELEGATES HAD EVER SEEN, WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ON MANY PRISONERS OF BEATINGS AND OTHER MISTREATMENT. HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT VISITS REVEALED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON CONDITIONS, AND ICRC REPS HEARD NO REPORTS OF RECENT MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN TALKED BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT HAY AND INVITED HAY TO MEET WITH HIM DURING HAY'S NEXT TRIP TO TEHRAN.

7. MIDDLE EAST: ICRC REPS DESCRIBED THE PROGRESS THEY HAVE MADE IN OBTAINING EARLIER ACCESS TO DETAINEES IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THEY REMAIN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR INABILITY TO PREVENT TRANSFERS OF POPULATION AND SEIZURES OF PROPERTY, WHICH THEY REGARD AS VIOLATIONS OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND OTHER U.S. REPS ENCOURAGED ICRC TO MAINTAIN ITS DELEGATIONS IN THE AREA, AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE ICRC'S CONTINUING EFFORTS.

8. CYPRUS: PRESIDENT HAY CONFIRMED ICRC'S READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS, AND AGREED THERE WOULD BE FURTHER CONTACT ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN ICRC REPS AND THE GREEK AND TURKISH SIDES. HE PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS ALSO WITH UN AND

USUN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. FOR USUN AND NICOSIA: YOU SHOULD MENTION TO SECRETARIAT AND TO GORGE THAT ICRC OFFICIALS ARE WILLING TO TALK WITH THE PARTIES IN NICOSIA ABOUT ICRC PRACTICES IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. YOU MIGHT SUGGEST UN GET IN TOUCH WITH ICRC DIRECTLY IF THEY BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT TO THE ISLAND WOULD BE HELPFUL.

9. VIETNAM: THE ICRC CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS DELEGATION IN HANOI AND IS TRYING TO ARRANGE FAMILY REUNIONS FROM VIETNAM FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER CLOSE RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. DEPOFF GAVE ICRC LIST OF FIFTEEN CHILDREN OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN VIETNAM, WHO ARE THEMSELVES AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH U.S. PASSPORTS. THESE CASES WERE INCLUDED ON EARLIER LISTS OF U.S. RELATIVES IN VIETNAM AND HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THIS SPECIAL EFFORT, SINCE THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS SHOULD QUALIFY THEM FOR DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM WITHOUT OTHER DOCUMENTS. ICRC REPS SAID THEY EXPECTED A VIETNAMESE RED CROSS DELEGATION IN GENEVA APRIL 1 WITH WHOM THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE FAMILY CONFIDENTIAL

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REUNIFICATION PROBLEM.

10. LAOS: ICRC OFFICIALS DISCUSSED FOOD SHORTAGES IN LAOS AND SAID THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS IN THAT COUNTRY TO INCLUDE A FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. THEY HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT THROUGH THEIR DELEGATION IN VIENTIANE WITH THE LAOS RED CROSS, TO WHOM THEY HAVE PROVIDED DISPENSARIES AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

11. INDONESIA: ICRC REPS CONFIRMED THAT VISITS TO DETAINEES IN INDONESIA ARE GOING WELL, WITH NONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LED TO INTERRUPTIONS A YEAR AGO.

12. LATIN AMERICA: PRESIDENT HAY EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF DETAINEES AND MISSING PERSONS IN ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY. IN ARGENTINA ICRC DELEGATES OPERATE UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING THREATS OF PHYSICAL DANGER. IN CONTRAST TO TWO YEARS AGO, THE SITUATION IN CHILE HAS IMPROVED.

13. U.S. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ICRC'S CONTINUED EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHICH SERVE THE SAME GOALS AS THE AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT. U.S. OFFICIALS GAVE ADVANCE WORD OF AN EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE USG ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICRC REGULAR BUDGET TO A LEVEL OF \$800,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR STARTING OCTOBER 1978. USG REPS ALSO PROMISED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ICRC SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO ICRC APPEALS. VANCE

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